

**SB 129: AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ABUSE-
DETERRENT OPIOID ANALGESICS**

I'm writing to inform you that I personally, as well as professionally (President/MY BOTTOM LINE), support passage of SB 129: An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage of Abuse-Deterrent Opioid Analgesics. I work with families all over the country, dealing with a loved one abusing opiates, and can attest to the need for CHANGE.

I am the parent of a drug addict – my son's 26 years old, has been using drugs for 15 years, heroin for over 10. I know all too well the need for changes to the system, ESPECIALLY INSURANCE PROTOCOLS. My son, as an adolescent, moved from crushing and snorting prescription pain pills to using heroin.

Abuse-deterrent technology creates an added barrier for those who seek to misuse the drugs. It is not the sole solution, but it is one more tool in our toolbox.

Affording access to abuse-deterrent opioids is minimal compared to the cost of emergency room visits for drug overdoses, mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment, along with the less tangible costs associated with prescription painkiller abuse, such as higher crime, community impairment, and trauma to families.

I would ask for your full support in moving this legislation forward.

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